

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1685–S1757

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3136–3144, and S. Res. 461–462. **Page S1750**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing the Life of Orlando Zapata Tamayo: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 54, recognizing the life of Orlando Zapata Tamayo, who died on February 23, 2010, in the custody of the Government of Cuba, and calling for a continued focus on the promotion of internationally recognized human rights, listed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in Cuba, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1755–56**

Reid (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 3552, recognizing the life of Orlando Zapata Tamayo, who died on February 23, 2010, in the custody of the Government of Cuba, and calling for a continued focus on the promotion of internationally recognized human rights, listed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in Cuba. **Pages S1755–56**

Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 462, recognizing Thursday, April 22, 2010, as “Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day”. **Page S1756**

Measures Considered:

Tax on Bonuses Received From Certain TARP Recipients—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1586, to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1693–S1736**

Rejected:

By 26 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 60), McCain/Bayh Amendment No. 3475 (to Amendment No. 3452), to prohibit earmarks in years in which there is a deficit. **Pages S1693, S1697–S1700**

Pending:

Rockefeller Amendment No. 3452, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1693**

McCain Amendment No. 3527 (to Amendment No. 3452), to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to develop a financing proposal for fully funding the development and implementation of technology for the Next Generation Air Transportation System. **Page S1693**

McCain Amendment No. 3528 (to Amendment No. 3452), to provide standards for determining whether the substantial restoration of the natural quiet and experience of the Grand Canyon National Park has been achieved and to clarify regulatory authority with respect to commercial air tours operating over the Park. **Page S1693**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 57), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, with respect to Sessions/McCaskill Modified Amendment No. 3453 (to Amendment No. 3452), to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Sessions/McCaskill Modified Amendment No. 3453 (to Amendment No. 3452), as being in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S1693, S1695–97, S1715–16**

By 27 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 58), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, with respect to Pryor Amendment No. 3548 (to Amendment 3452), to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Pryor Amendment No. 3548 (to Amendment 3452), that the amendment contained matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget and as being in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S1693–95, S1716**

By 41 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 59), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, with respect to Inhofe Amendment No. 3549 (to Amendment No. 3475), to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps for non-security spending. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against the Inhofe Amendment No. 3549 (to Amendment No. 3475), that the amendment contained matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget and as being in violation of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, March 19, 2010.

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Messages from the House: **Page S1748**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—60) **Pages S1716, S1722–23**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 19, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1757.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL AND OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the

Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and the Office of Compliance, after receiving testimony from Stephen T. Ayres, Acting Architect of the Capitol; and Tamara E. Chrisler, Executive Director, Office of Compliance.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE FINANCIAL SITUATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposals for addressing the current financial situation facing the United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from John E. Potter, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, and David C. Williams, Inspector General, both of the United States Postal Service; Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; and Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

“DON’T ASK, DON’T TELL” POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued hearings to examine the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy, after receiving testimony from General John J. Sheehan, USMC (Ret.), former Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, and former Commander in Chief, United States Atlantic Command; Michael D. Almy, former Major, United States Air Force; and Jenny L. Kopfstein, former Lieutenant Junior Grade, United States Navy.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert J. Papp Jr., to be a Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, who was introduced by Senator Kerry, Larry Robinson, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Earl F. Weener, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, who was introduced by Senator Merkley, Michael F. Tillman, of California, to be a Member, and Daryl J. Boness, of Maine, to be a Chairman, both of the Marine Mammal Commission, and Jeffrey R. Moreland, of Texas, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

COMMERCIAL SPACE CAPABILITIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine assessing commercial space capabilities, after receiving testimony from Bryan O’Conner, Chief, Office of Safety and Mission Assurance, and Malcolm L. Peterson, former Comptroller, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration;

George C. Nield, Associate Administrator for the Office of Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Michael C. Gass, United Launch Alliance, LLC, Littleton, Colorado; Frank L. Culberson, Jr., USN (Ret.), Orbital Sciences Corporation, Dulles, Virginia; Gwynne Shotwell, Space Exploration Technologies, (SpaceX), Hawthorne, California; and Lieutenant General Thomas P. Stafford, USAF (Ret.), Satellite Beach, Florida.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and David T. Matsuda, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, both of the Department of Transportation.

MOBILITY AND CONGESTION IN URBAN AND RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine mobility and congestion in urban and rural America, after receiving testimony from Oklahoma State Senator Bryce Marlatt, Oklahoma City; Scott Haggerty, Alameda County Supervisor, Oakland, California, on behalf of National Association of Counties Transportation Steering Committee; James Townsend, Webster County Judge Executive, Dixon, Kentucky, on behalf of the National Association of Regional Councils; Tim Lomax, Texas Transportation Institute, College Station; John Robert Smith, Reconnecting America, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Transportation for America Coalition.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Bureau of Indian Affairs and tribal police recruitment, training, hiring, and retention, after receiving testimony from Wizipan Garriott, Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and Jason Thompson, Acting Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Justice Services, both of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Joseph W. Wright, Assistant Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Office of Artesia Operations, Department of Homeland Security; Myra Pearson, Spirit Lake Tribe, Fort Totten, North Dakota, and David M. Gipp, Bismarck, North Dakota, both of United Tribes Technical College; Ivan Posey, Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Fort Washakie, Wyoming; and Chief Gary Gaikowski, Sisseton Wahpeton Law Enforcement of

the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, Lake Traverse Reservation, Agency Village, South Dakota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 148, to restore the rule that agreements between manufacturers and retailers, distributors, or wholesalers to set the minimum price below which the manufacturer's product or service cannot be sold violates the Sherman Act; and

The nominations of Josephine Staton Tucker, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Mark A. Goldsmith, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Brian Anthony Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, Elizabeth Erny Foote, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Marc T. Treadwell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, Wifredo A. Ferrer, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and William N. Nettles, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina.

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine legislative presentations from AMVETS, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Gold Star Wives, The Retired Enlisted Association, Fleet Reserve Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, after receiving testimony from Terry Schow, Utah Department of Veterans Affairs, Salt Lake City; Duane J. Miskulin, American Veterans (AMVETS), Lanham, Maryland; John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Silver Spring, Maryland; Tom Tarantino, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), Washington, D.C.; Vivianne Cisneros Wersel, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Emerald Isle, North Carolina; and Gene Overstreet, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America (NCOA), Charlie L. Flowers, The Retired Enlisted Association, and Joseph L. Barnes, Fleet Reserve Association (FRA), all of Alexandria, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 4876–4886; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 1191, 1193–1198 were introduced. **Page H1656**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1656–57**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4275, to designate the annex building under construction for the Elbert P. Tuttle United States Court of Appeals Building in Atlanta, Georgia, as the “John C. Godbold United States Judicial Administration Building”, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–444) and

H. Res. 1192, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3644) to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish education and watershed programs which advance environmental literacy, including preparedness and adaptability for the likely impacts of climate change in coastal watershed regions, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1612) to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, help restore the nation’s natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service (H. Rept. 111–445).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Capps to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1597**

Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 1190, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 130, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 129. **Pages H1600–05, S1609–11**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 1:34 p.m. **Page H1609**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, March 17th:

Roy Wilson Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4214, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45300 Portola Avenue in Palm Desert, California, as the “Roy Wilson Post

Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 128; **Page H1609**

State Admission Day Recognition Act: H.R. 3542, amended, to direct the Architect of the Capitol to fly the flag of a State over the Capitol each year on the anniversary of the date of the State’s admission to the Union, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 133; and

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Agricultural Credit Act: H.R. 3509, to reauthorize State agricultural mediation programs under title V of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 382 yeas to 26 nays, Roll No. 134. **Page H1626**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water Plume Assessment Act: H.R. 4252, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California; **Pages H1613–16**

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Vermont Long Trail: H. Res. 1173, to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Vermont Long Trail, the oldest long-distance hiking trail in the United States, and to congratulate the Green Mountain Club for its century of dedication in developing and maintaining the trail, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 135; and

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Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act: H.R. 1769, amended, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington and to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers. **Pages H1619–21**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m. **Page H1622**

Privileged Resolution—Motion to Refer: The House agreed to refer H. Res. 1193, raising a question of the privileges of the House, to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct by a yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay” and 12 voting “present”, Roll No. 131, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Cantor announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H1623–24**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to the motion to table H. Res. 1194, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 132. **Pages H1624–25**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act: H.R. 3671, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin; **Pages H1611–13**

Hudson River Valley Special Resource Study Act: H.R. 4003, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources in the Hudson River Valley in the State of New York to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System; **Pages H1616–17**

Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act: H.R. 2788, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside; and **Pages H1618–19**

Revising the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station: H.R. 4395, amended, to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station. **Pages H1621–22**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1597.

Senate Referrals: S. 2865 was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor and S. 1789 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Pages H1597, H1654**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1609, H1609–10, H1610–11, H1623, H1624–25, H1625–26, H1626 and H1626–27. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget for Food and Nutrition Service.

Testimony was heard from Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget for the Bureau of Prisons. Testimony was heard from Harley F. Lappin, Director, Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice.

The Subcommittee also held on hearing on Major Challenges facing Federal Prisons: A View from the Inside. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on U.S. Transportation Command, Air Mobility, and Mobility Acquisition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Commander, U.S., Transportation; GEN Raymond E. Johns, USAF Commander, Air Mobility Command; and MG Randal D. Fullhart, USAF, Director, Global Reach Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy: 2011 Budget for Science and ARPA-E. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Steven Koonin, Under Secretary, Science; William Brinkman, Director, Office of Science; and Arun Majumdar, Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget for the Judiciary. Testimony was heard from: Julia Gibbons, Chairman, Committee on the Budget, U.S. Judicial Conference and James C. Duff, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts and Secretary to the U.S. Judicial Conference.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on U.S. Secret Service FY 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from Mark Sullivan, Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget for ICE. Testimony was heard from John Morton, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Conserving America's Land and Heritage: Department of the Interior FY 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget: Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Air Force Budget. Testimony was heard from GEN Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Chief of Staff, USAF.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget Request for the Peace Corps. Testimony was heard from Aaron S. Williams, Director, Peace Corps.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Maintaining a Safe and Viable Aviation System (Including the FY 2011 Budget Request for the FAA). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FAA, Department of Transportation: Randy Babbitt, Administrator; Hank Krakowski, Chief Operating Officer; Victoria Cox, Vice President, Operations Planning; John Hickey, Deputy Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety; and Nancy LoBue, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Aviation Policy.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Maintaining a Safe and Viable Aviation System: Priorities

from Aviation Stakeholders. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOUTHERN COMMAND AND NORTHERN COMMAND BUDGETS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Requests from the U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Northern Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Douglas Fraser, USAF, Commander, U.S. Southern Command; and GEN Victor E. Renuart, Jr., USAF, Commander, Northern American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Northern Command.

CONSTRUCTION/BASE CLOSURE/FACILITIES BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for military construction, family housing, base closure, facilities operation and maintenance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; Joseph Calcara, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations and Housing; Roger M. Natsuhara, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment; and Kathleen Ferguson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations.

NEEDS OF DIVERSE STUDENTS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education held a hearing on Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization: Addressing the Needs of Diverse Students. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1796, Residential Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act; and H.R. 4805, Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Howell, Jr., Assistant Executive Director, Office of Hazard Identification and Reduction, Consumer Product Safety Commission; James J. Jones, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, EPA; and public witnesses.

HOME ENERGY RETROFITS JOBS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled "HomeStar: Job Creation through Home Energy

Retrofits.” Testimony was heard from Cathy Zoi, Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANY SUPERVISION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, held a hearing entitled “Insurance Holding Company Supervision.” Testimony was heard from Jon Greenlee, Associate Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Federal Reserve Board of Governors; Grovetta N. Gardineer, Managing Director, Corporate and International Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury; Sean Dilweg, Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, State of Wisconsin; and Ann Frohman, Director, Department of Insurance, State of Nebraska.

COUNTERING BIOLOGICAL THREATS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on National Strategy for Countering Biological Threats: Diplomacy and International Programs. Testimony was heard from Vann H. Van Diepen, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State; Stephen G. Rademaker, former Assistant Secretary, International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State; and public witnesses.

NEXT STEPS FOR HONDURAS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on the Next Steps for Honduras. Testimony was heard from Craig A. Kelly, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Cresencio Arcos, former Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for International Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, and former U.S. Ambassador to Honduras; and public witnesses.

SECURE BORDER INITIATIVE NETWORK TESTING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, and the Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight held a joint hearing entitled “SBI-net: Does it Pass the Border Security Test?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security: Michael J. Fisher, Acting Chief; and Mark Borkowski, Executive Director, Secure Border Initiative Program Executive Office; Randolph C.

Hite, Director, IT Architecture and Systems Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

STATE ALCOHOL REGULATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on Legal Issues Concerning State Alcohol Regulation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rush, Thompson of California, Cohen and Radanovich; Nida Samona, Chairperson, Liquor Control Commission, State of Michigan; James C. Ho, Solicitor General, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4349, Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2009; and H.R. 4579, South San Diego County Water Reclamation Project of 2010. Testimony was heard from Representative Calvert; Timothy Meeks, Administrator, Western Area Power Authority, Department of Energy; Karl Wirkus, Deputy Commissioner, Operations, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; UNDERPERFORMING CONTRACTORS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 244, amended, Expressing support for the designation of March 20, as a National Day of Recognition for Long-Term Care Physicians; H. Res. 1040, Honoring the life and accomplishments of Donald Harington for his contributions to literature in the United States; H.R. 1174, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women’s History Month; and H.R. 4840, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1979 Cleveland Avenue in Columbus, Ohio, as the “Clarence D. Lumpkin Post Office.”

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled “Rewarding Bad Actors: Why Do Poor Performing Contractors Continue to Get Government Business?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; and Gregory H. Woods, Deputy General Counsel; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General; and Elaine C. Duke, Under Secretary, Management; and the following officials of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State: Donald A. Gambatesa, Inspector General, and Drew W. Luten III, Acting Assistant Administrator, Management.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled “Administration of the Freedom of Information Act: Current Trends.” Testimony was heard from Melanie Pustay, Director, Office of Information Policy, Department of Justice; Miriam Nisbet, Director, Office of Government Information Services, U.S. National Archives and Records Administration; Mary Ellen Callahan, Chief Privacy Officer/Chief FOIA Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Larry F. Gottesman, National Freedom of Information Act Officer, Office of Environmental Information, EPA; Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Information Management and Human Capital Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OCEAN, COASTAL, AND WATERSHED EDUCATION ACT; PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3644, the Ocean, Coastal, and Watershed Education Act. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended.

The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules, if offered by Representative Capps of California or her designee, which shall be separately debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A except those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule also makes in order the amendment to the amendment in the nature of a substitute, printed in part B of the report, if offered by Representative Flake of Arizona or his designee, which shall be in order without intervention of any point of order except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI, shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for the division

of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 3644, with or without instructions.

The rule also provides for consideration of H.R. 1612, the Public Lands Service Corps Act of 2009, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources and waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources, now printed in the bill, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended.

The rule makes in order the further amendments printed in part C of the report, each of which may be offered only by a member designated in this report, shall be in order without intervention of any point of order except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI, shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for the division of the question. The rule provides that during consideration of an amendment printed in part C of this report, the Chair may postpone the question of adoption as though under clause 8 of rule XX. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 1612 with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Capps and Grijalava.

GEOENGINEERING RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Geoengineering III: Domestic and International Research Governance. Testimony was heard from Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES IN INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management met in executive session to receive a briefing on Management Challenges in the Intelligence Community. Testimony was heard from Roslyn A. Mazer, Inspector General, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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S. 2968, to make certain technical and conforming amendments to the Lanham Act. Signed on March 17, 2010. (Public Law 111–146)

H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending Sep-

tember 30, 2010. Signed on March 18, 2010. (Public Law 111–147)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on FY Budget Overview, 10 a.m., H–143 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, March 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, March 19

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Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1586, Tax on Bonuses Received From Certain TARP Recipients.

House Chamber

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